



A number of development programs were promised in 2010 to be implemented in 2011. Thus, in 2011, most of the promised development activities have been successfully implemented to date. Vast areas that once used to be wildernesses have been transformed into large agricultural areas. The old scenery of the country has then been utterly changed and urbanized for steep slopes have now been penetrated through spacious road networks which are now connecting geographically segmented areas. The all-round journey to development is in fact ceaseless.

In the year we are about to fare well, the Southern Region has laid viable infrastructural accomplishments that would accelerate the advances that are yet to be witnessed. Taking into account the vastness of the tasks set out to be implemented; many companies took part in the construction of health care institutions, provision of potable water and other facilities.

In the construction of healthcare facilities alone, varied undertakings that are worth 77 million Nakfa have been implemented in 2011. So far, the first phase of the construction works of a new hospital in Senafe which is a modern one in all standards has been finalized. Of the total budget allocated for the construction of healthcare facilities, about 50.2 million Nakfa was dispensed for Senafe hospital. Once the new hospital is finalized, there would be no travels to Adi-keyh Hospital for the inhabitants of Senafe sub-zone would finally avail themselves of the services provided in their respective locality.

A new center for fistula treatment is also under construction in Mendefera. The center which is expected to render regular surgical services for a number of women who suffered from fistula complications for long has been implemented at the cost of 4.5 million Nakfa. Besides, a school for Associate Nurses that is worth of 13.4 million Nakfa is under construction in the same city.

Other new healthcare institutions such as one in Adi-Felesti and Ambesete-Geleba have been constructed at a cost of 3.8 and 3.6 million Nakfa respectively. The two healthcare institutions would substantially respond to the problems the inhabitants around that area have been encountering on their daily healthcare needs and particularly at times of child delivery.

## Ever-Advancing Development Undertaking In the Southern Region

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Another area of the advances whose impact in healthcare could not be viewed lightly is the provision of potable water. Since is closely associated with people's health, the tasks of implementing water supply projects is highly



intensive and very demanding. In this region, a number of water supply projects have been accomplished at the cost of above 37 Million Nakfa. These water supply projects, however, do not include the construction of varied water reservoirs that have been constructed for agricultural purposes. With such developments, a number of people have become beneficiaries of potable water supply without difficulty of any sort.

The details of the water projects so far implemented and which are underway includes a 3.5 million Nakfa project in Ma'edia –Adi-Hanso, and a project worth above 3.6 million in Digsa and Dekotsn'a. Koatit water supply project have been also implemented at the cost of 2.7 million Nakfa. Water supply projects of Adi-Mongoti at the cost of 2.8 million, that of Adi-Itay and Abi-Adi at the cost of 5.4 million, and other project in Anbesete-Geleba at the cost of 2.5 million Nakfa.

In addition to the aforementioned projects, a 10 million Nakfa Project have been fully finalized in the villages of Serha, Emba-Bdhan, Mai-Chada, Kokobay, Tsada-Korso, Embhisa'e and Gubo. Besides, about 3.2 Million Nakfa has been dispensed for the finalization of wells construction works in 25 villages of the Sothern Region.

The commendable tasks accomplished in various domains just in less than a year are indeed very appreciable that in the course of visiting the sites one admiringly witnesses the remarkable advances that have been registered everywhere in the region.

Not confined to putting in place healthcare and water supply projects, the region's Department of Infrastructure has constructed and renovated a number of buildings at the expense of 26.5 million Nakfa. Accordingly, a telecommunication repeater stations were constructed in Digsa and Knafna. The two projects are worth 4 million Nakfa. The renovation of the Mendefera benefit scheme building complex and Dekemhare bus terminal and the construction of Debarwa milk reservoir tanker, and the establishment of pump houses of Sememo and Adi-Bahro are also some among the infrastructural activities the Department of Infrastructure put in place at huge expenses.

